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FOR GLITMAN EB/ITP EXTENSION 22533 AND FEKETEKUTY,
STR, 395-3582

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, UK
SUBJECT: BRITISH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 296845

1. FCO HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING RESPONSES QUESTIONS
REFTEL:

A. NO FURTHER ACTIONS PLANNED PERTAINING TO
IMPORTS EXCEPT THAT FURTHER ACTION OF COURSE MAY FOLLOW
IF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DO AGREE TO VOLUNTARY
RESTRAINTS PARA 1C REFTTEL. SEE PARA 2 BELOW RE EXPORTS.

B. QUOTAS PARAS 1-A AND B REFTTEL ARE ESTABLISHED
FOR REMAINDER OF 1975 AND ALL OF 1976. HOWEVER IF EC
ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL IN THE
MEANTIME, RESTRICTIONS WILL BE SUBSUMED IN SUCH ARRANGE-
MENTS. NO STATED DURATION YET FOR PROPOSED VOLUNTARY
ARRANGEMENTS MR FOR SURVEILLANCE.

C. QUESTION OF HANDLING IN GATT MUST BE CONSIDERED
WITH EC. UKG HAS INSTRUCTED REPS IN GENEVA AND PARIS
TO INFORM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GATT AND SECRETARY GENERAL
OF OECD. DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR OECD CONSULTATIONS,
BUT WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT DEVELOPS.

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D. RELATIONSHIP TO MFA ALSO MUST BE CONSIDERED WITH EC. AS NOTED ABOVE, UKG HOPES QUOTAS WILL BE SUBSUMED IN EC AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

E. SEE PARA 2 BELOW.

F. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WILL TAKE EFFECT ASAP, WHICH WILL BE SOME TIME IN JANUARY, EXACT DATE NOT YET DETERMINED.

2. FCO REFERRED US TO DOT ON EXPORT ASPECT OF QUESTION 1-A AND QUESTION E. ONLY EXPORT MEASURE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF IS IMPROVEMENT OF EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEME, WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF LONDON 18713 AND STATE 296380. WE WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES (AND PRESUMABLY REPRESENTATIONS) PURSUANT TO STATE 296380 AND REFTEL AND REPORT. WE WILL ALSO REPORT RESPONSE TO QUESTION E ASAP, THOUGH THIS MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATE IN VIEW OF RELUCTANCE OF DOT TO SAY ANYTHING IN DETAIL PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEASURES.

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